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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS BY
102 INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

### **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

The bill allows a person who is preregistered to vote in school district elections beginning at 16 years of age. A school district election is defined as an election to recall a school district officer or an election called under title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, including elections for:

- ! The state board of education;
- ! School district officers;

- ! Referred measures to impose or increase mill levies or to raise and expend property taxes;
- ! Referred measures relating to the organization of or plan of representation for school districts; and
- ! Referred measures related to the financial obligations and indebtedness of school districts.

A preregistrant's voter information is required to be kept confidential. When a person preregisters, they must receive information concerning their eligibility to vote in school district elections, how to update their preregistration information and obtain and cast a ballot, and their confidential status and actions that could cause their information to become public even while in confidential status.

A preregistrant is automatically registered to vote in all elections upon turning age 18. Individuals committed to juvenile detention facilities must be given information about their right to preregister and vote in school district elections.

A preregistrant can circulate and sign petitions to nominate or recall a school district officer or to initiate an election under title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes. A preregistrant cannot run for office or be appointed to fill a vacancy. If a juvenile is charged with an election offense and no other crime is charged, the juvenile court is prohibited from transferring the charge to a district court.

For any election in which preregistrants are eligible to vote and in which the county clerk and recorder has responsibilities for the election, the state is required to reimburse the county for the direct costs associated with ballots sent to preregistrants. The school district's share of the costs of the election in a cost-sharing agreement must be reduced by the amount of the state's reimbursement.

The bill takes effect on January 1, 2021, and applies to elections conducted on or after that date.

- Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
- 2 **SECTION 1. Short title.** The short title of this act is the "Student
- Woice, Student Vote Act of 2019".
- 4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **amend** (35);
- 5 and **add** (19.5)(a)(XIV), (31.3), and (45.3) as follows:
- 6 **1-1-104. Definitions.** As used in this code, unless the context
- 7 otherwise requires:

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8 (19.5) (a) "Identification" means:

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1	(XIV) A VALID COLORADO TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION PERMIT
2	ISSUED UNDER SECTION 42-2-106.
3	(31.3) "PREREGISTRANT" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS PREREGISTERED
4	IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-2-101 (2).
5	(35) "Registered elector" means an elector, as defined in
6	subsection (12) of this section, who has complied with the registration
7	provisions of this code and who resides within or is eligible to vote in the
8	jurisdiction of the political subdivision calling the election. If any
9	provision of this code requires the signing of any document by a
10	registered elector, the person making the signature shall be deemed to be
11	a registered elector if the person's name and address at the time of signing
12	the document matches the name and address for the person on the
13	registration document at the county clerk and recorder's office, and as it
14	appears on the master elector list on file with the secretary of state. FOR
15	THE PURPOSES OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION, "REGISTERED ELECTOR"
16	INCLUDES A PREREGISTRANT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
17	ELECTION.
18	(45.3) "SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION" MEANS AN ELECTION CALLED
19	UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE $22\text{OR}$ AN ELECTION TO RECALL A SCHOOL
20	DISTRICT OFFICER. "SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION" DOES NOT INCLUDE A
21	PRIMARY ELECTION.
22	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 1-1-116 as
23	follows:
24	1-1-116. Persons sixteen years of age or older of full age.
25	NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, EVERY PERSON IS
26	DEEMED TO BE OF FULL AGE AT THE AGE OF SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR
27	OLDER FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF PREREGISTERING, VOTING, SERVING

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1	AS A STUDENT ELECTION JUDGE, OR COMPLETING ANY OTHER ACT
2	AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED BY THIS CODE WITHOUT THE CONSENT OR
3	PARTICIPATION OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
4	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-101, amend
5	(2)(b); and <b>add</b> (2)(c) and (2)(d) as follows:
6	1-2-101. Qualifications for registration - preregistration.
7	(2) (b) The registration requirements of section 1-2-201 PROVISIONS OF
8	THIS ARTICLE 2 RELATING TO REGISTRATION apply to a person
9	preregistering to vote under this subsection (2).
10	(c) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, A
11	PERSON WHO IS PREREGISTERED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (2) AND WHO
12	MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN A SCHOOL
13	DISTRICT ELECTION AND IS REGISTERED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
14	(d) Upon preregistering, a person shall be provided a
15	WRITTEN NOTICE, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
16	WITH INFORMATION REGARDING:
17	(I) THE PERSON'S ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT
18	ELECTIONS;
19	(II) HOW THE PERSON MAY UPDATE HIS OR HER PREREGISTRATION
20	INFORMATION, OBTAIN AND CAST A BALLOT IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT
21	ELECTION, AND OBTAIN VOTER INFORMATION MATERIALS; AND
22	(III) THE PERSON'S STATUS AS A CONFIDENTIAL VOTER AND WHAT
23	ACTIONS MAY CAUSE THE PERSON'S INFORMATION TO BECOME PUBLIC
24	EVEN WHILE IN CONFIDENTIAL STATUS, SUCH AS SIGNING A PETITION OR
25	MAKING A CAMPAIGN DONATION.
26	SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-202.5, amend
27	(3)(a)(I); and <b>repeal</b> (1.5) as follows:

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1 1-2-202.5. Online voter registration - online changes in elector 2 **information.** (1.5) A person may preregister pursuant to section 1-2-101 3 (2) on the official website referenced in, and in accordance with the 4 signature requirements of, subsection (1) of this section, and any person 5 that has preregistered may change his or her information on the 6 registration record by completing an electronic form on the official 7 website referenced in subsection (1) of this section. 8 (3) The electronic voter registration form must include: 9 (a) (I) The questions "Are you a citizen of the United States of 10 America?", "Are you at least sixteen years of age, and do you understand 11 that you must be AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO 12 VOTE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS AND at least eighteen years of age to be eligible to vote IN ALL OTHER ELECTIONS?", "Have you resided in 13 14 Colorado for at least twenty-two days immediately prior to the election?", 15 "Do you reside in the precinct in which you intend to register?", "Is the 16 address you have listed your sole legal place of residence for purposes of 17 voting?", and "Do you affirm that you will not cast more than one ballot 18 in any election?" and places for the elector to input answers to the 19 questions. 20 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-205, amend as 21 it will become effective July 1, 2019, (2) as follows: 22

**1-2-205. Self-affirmation made by elector.** (2) Each elector making application for registration or preregistration shall make the following self-affirmation: "I, ...., affirm that I am a citizen of the United States; I have been a resident of the state of Colorado for at least twenty-two days immediately prior to an election in which I intend to vote; and I am at least sixteen years old; and I understand that I must be

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DISTRICT ELECTIONS AND AT LEAST eighteen years old to be eligible to vote IN ALL OTHER ELECTIONS. I further affirm that my present address as stated herein is my sole legal place of residence, that I claim no other place as my legal residence, and that I understand that I am committing a felony if I knowingly give false information regarding my place of present residence. I certify under penalty of perjury that I meet the registration or preregistration qualifications of this state; that the information I have provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and that I have not, nor will I, cast more than one ballot in any election.".

**SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-210.5, **amend** (1), (2), (4), and (5)(b)(II); and **add** (5)(b)(I)(E) as follows:

1-2-210.5. Registration of and voting by persons in custody of division of youth services - definitions. (1) In the case of any individual committed to a juvenile facility and in the custody of the division of youth services in the department of human services created in section 19-2-203 (1) who is eighteen SIXTEEN years of age or older on the date of the next election, the administrator of the facility in which the individual is committed shall facilitate the registration OR PREREGISTRATION for voting purposes of, and voting by, the individual. In connection with this requirement, the administrator shall provide the individual information regarding his or her voting rights and how the individual may register OR PREREGISTER to vote and cast a mail ballot, INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AS A PREREGISTRANT; provide the individual with voter information materials upon the request of the individual; and ensure that any mail ballot cast by

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the individual is timely delivered to the designated election official.

- (2) The administrator and the secretary of state shall post the type or kind of verification satisfying the requirements of section 1-1-104 (19.5)(d) in a prominent place on the public websites maintained by the department of human services and the secretary, respectively. The secretary shall provide notice to the county clerk and recorders as well as other designated election officials throughout the state that such verification constitutes an acceptable form of identification under section 1-1-104 (19.5) permitting the individuals possessing such identification to register OR PREREGISTER to vote and cast a ballot.
- (4) The administrator shall forward applications made under this section on a weekly basis, or on a daily basis during the last week allowed for registration OR PREREGISTRATION prior to any election, to the county clerk and recorder of the county in which the facility is located, and, if the applicant resides in a different county from the facility, the application must then be forwarded to the county clerk and recorder of the county in which the applicant resides.
  - (5) As used in this section:
- (b) (I) "Voter information materials" means the following documents, as applicable to the election for which the individual seeks to register to vote and cast a ballot:
- (E) FOR A PERSON PREREGISTERING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-2-101 (2), THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY SECTION 1-2-101 (2)(e).
- (II) Upon an administrator's written request to the legislative council staff or a county clerk and recorder for copies of the documents specified in sub-subparagraph (C) or (D) of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b) SUBSECTION (5)(b)(I)(C) OR (5)(b)(I)(D) OF THIS SECTION,

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1	the legislative council staff or county clerk and recorder, as applicable,
2	shall timely provide copies of the documents to the administrator in a
3	sufficient number to cover the number of individuals who are authorized
4	to register OR PREREGISTER and vote under this section and who are either
5	residing in the administrator's facility or under the supervision of the
6	administrator's program.
7	SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-402, amend (2)
8	and (3) as follows:
9	1-2-402. Registration at high schools - high school deputy
10	registrars - voter registration drives. (2) The high school deputy
11	registrar may register OR PREREGISTER any student, employee of the
12	school, other person who attends school functions, or any other person
13	who is eligible to register OR PREREGISTER to vote. Voter registration OR
14	PREREGISTRATION may be made available only when the school is open
15	for classes or any other school or community function. The high school
16	deputy registrar shall take registrations APPLICATIONS only on school
17	district premises.
18	(3) A high school deputy registrar may have available an official
19	application form for voter registration OR PREREGISTRATION for each
20	student who is eighteen SIXTEEN years of age or who will be eighteen
21	SIXTEEN years of age at the time of the next election.
22	<b>SECTION 9.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-403, amend (1),
23	(2), (3)(a), and (4) as follows:
24	1-2-403. Training and registration materials for high school
25	deputy registrars - processing applications. (1) The county clerk and
26	recorder shall train and supervise the high school deputy registrars, and,
27	after training is completed, shall administer the oath of office to the high

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1	school deputy registrars. THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (1)
2	MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION ON ELECTION OFFENSES INCLUDING VOTER
3	INTIMIDATION.
4	(2) The county clerk and recorder shall issue sufficient registration
5	materials to each high school deputy registrar for the registration OR
6	PREREGISTRATION of all eligible students, employees, and other persons
7	at the high school which the high school deputy registrar serves. The high
8	school deputy registrar shall give a receipt to the county clerk and
9	recorder for all materials issued.
10	(3) (a) The high school deputy registrar shall stamp the application
11	for registration OR PREREGISTRATION with a validation stamp and provide
12	the applicant with a receipt verifying the registration application.
13	(4) Upon receipt of an application, the county clerk and recorder
14	shall determine if the application is complete. If the county clerk and
15	recorder determines that the application is complete, the applicant shall
16	be deemed registered OR PREREGISTERED as of the date of application. If
17	the county clerk and recorder determines that the application is not
18	complete, the county clerk and recorder shall notify the applicant, stating
19	the additional information required. The applicant shall be deemed
20	registered OR PREREGISTERED as of the date of application when the
21	additional information is provided any time prior to the actual voting.
22	SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-501, amend
23	(1)(b.5)(I)(B) as follows:
24	1-2-501. Form for mail and agency registration - procedures
25	for registration by mail for first-time electors - additional identifying
26	<b>information to be provided by first-time registrants.</b> (1) The secretary
27	of state, in consultation with the federal election assistance commission,

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1	shall develop an application form that may be used for mail voter
2	registration, voter registration at voter registration agencies, and voter
3	change of address. The form developed must:
4	(b.5) (I) Include:
5	(B) The question "Will Are you be eighteen AT LEAST SIXTEEN
6	years of age, on or before election day, AND DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT
7	YOU MUST BE AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE
8	IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS AND AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO
9	BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN ALL OTHER ELECTIONS?" and boxes for the
10	applicant to indicate whether or not the applicant will be eighteen years
11	of age or older on election day A YES OR NO ANSWER TO THE QUESTION;
12	<b>SECTION 11.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-602, <b>amend</b> (1)
13	as follows:
14	1-2-602. Deceased electors. (1) As soon as is practicable after
15	the end of each month, the state registrar of vital statistics shall furnish
16	the secretary of state with a report of all persons eighteen SIXTEEN years
17	of age or older who have died during the previous month. To the extent
18	possible, persons on the report shall be identified by name, RESIDENCE,
19	county of residence, date of birth, and social security number.
20	<b>SECTION 12.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-605, <b>amend</b> (7)
21	as follows:
22	<b>1-2-605.</b> Canceling registration - procedures. (7) If an elector
23	whose registration record is marked "Inactive" fails to update his or her
24	registration record, fails to respond to any confirmation card, and fails to
25	vote in any election conducted by the county clerk and recorder during the
26	time period that includes two consecutive general elections since the
27	elector's registration record was marked "Inactive", the county clerk and

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I	recorder shall cancel the elector's registration record; EXCEPT THAT THE
2	FAILURE TO VOTE IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AS A PREREGISTRANT
3	DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD THE TWO CONSECUTIVE ELECTIONS FOR THE
4	PURPOSE OF CANCELING AN ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION RECORD. Nothing
5	in this section allows an elector's registration record to be canceled solely
6	for failure to vote.
7	SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-803, amend (5)
8	as follows:
9	1-4-803. Petitions for nominating school district directors.
10	(5) The candidate for the office of school director shall have been a
11	registered elector of the school district, as shown on the books of the
12	county clerk and recorder, for at least twelve consecutive months prior to
13	the date of the election AND SHALL BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE
14	ON THE DATE HE OR SHE WOULD TAKE OFFICE.
15	<b>SECTION 14.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-4-905, <b>amend</b> (1)
16	and (2) as follows:
17	<b>1-4-905.</b> Circulators. (1) No person shall circulate a petition to
18	nominate a candidate unless the person is a resident of the state, a citizen
19	of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, and, for partisan
20	candidates, registered to vote and affiliated with the political party
21	mentioned in the petition at the time the petition is circulated, as shown
22	in the statewide voter registration system; EXCEPT THAT A PREREGISTRANT
23	MAY CIRCULATE A PETITION TO NOMINATE A SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICER.
24	(2) To each petition section shall be attached a signed, notarized,
25	and dated affidavit executed by the person who circulated the petition
26	section, which shall include: The affiant's printed name, the address at
77	which the affiant resides including the street name and number, the city

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or town, the county, and the date of signature; a statement that the affiai	π
was a resident of the state, a citizen of the United States, and at lea	st
eighteen years of age at the time the section of the petition was circulate	d
and signed by the listed electors; a statement that the affiant circulated the	ıe
section of the petition; a statement that each signature on the petition	n
section is the signature of the person whose name it purports to be;	a
statement that to the best of the affiant's knowledge and belief each of the	ıe
persons signing the petition section was, at the time of signing, an eligib	le
elector; and a statement that the affiant has not paid or will not in the	ıe
future pay and that the affiant believes that no other person has paid of	or
will pay, directly or indirectly, any money or other thing of value to ar	ıy
signer for the purpose of inducing or causing the signer to sign th	ıe
petition. IF A PREREGISTRANT CIRCULATES A PETITION TO NOMINATE	A
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICER, THE AFFIDAVIT SHALL STATE THAT TH	ΙE
AFFIANT WAS AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME THE SECTIO	N
OF THE PETITION WAS CIRCULATED AND SIGNED BY THE LISTED ELECTOR	S.
SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-5-407, add (6.5)	5)
as follows:	
1-5-407. Form of ballots. (6.5) A BALLOT FOR A PREREGISTRAN	1T
VOTING IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION SHALL ONLY CONTAIN TH	ΙE
REFERRED MEASURES AND THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES FO	)R
WHICH THE PREREGISTRANT IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.	
SECTION 16. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 1-5-505.7 a	as
follows:	
1-5-505.7. State reimbursement to counties for school distric	ct
electors. (1) FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION IN WHIC	Ή

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1	CLERK AND RECORDER HAS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ELECTION, THE
2	STATE SHALL REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR THE DIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED
3	WITH BALLOTS SENT TO PREREGISTRANTS.
4	(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MAKE APPROPRIATIONS TO THE
5	DEPARTMENT OF STATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF
6	REIMBURSING COUNTIES UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION.
7	SECTION 17. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-6-101, amend (2)
8	introductory portion, (2)(d), (2)(e), (7)(c)(VI), and (7)(c)(VII); repeal
9	(7)(c)(VIII); and add (2)(f) as follows:
10	1-6-101. Qualifications for election judges - student election
11	judges - definition - legislative declaration. (2) The persons appointed
12	as election judges except for persons appointed as student election judges
13	pursuant to the provisions of subsection (7) of this section, shall certify
14	in writing that they meet the following qualifications:
15	(d) They have never been convicted of election fraud, any other
16	election offense, or fraud; and
17	(e) They are neither a candidate whose name appears on the ballot
18	in the precinct that they are appointed to serve nor a member of the
19	immediate family, related by blood, marriage, or civil union to the second
20	degree, of a candidate whose name appears on the ballot in the precinct
21	that they are appointed to serve; AND
22	(f) THEY WILL BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON THE DATE
23	OF THE ELECTION.
24	(7) (c) The designated election officials may work with school
25	districts and public or private secondary educational institutions to
26	identify students willing and able to serve as student election judges. Such
27	school districts or educational institutions may submit the names of the

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1	students to the designated election official of the jurisdiction in which the
2	school district or educational institution is located for appointment as
3	student election judges. Home-schooled students may apply to the
4	designated election official for appointment as a student election judge
5	pursuant to this section. From among the names submitted, the designated
6	election officials may select students to serve as student election judges
7	who meet the following qualifications:
8	(VI) They are not a member of the immediate family, related by
9	blood, marriage, or civil union to the second degree, of a candidate whose
10	name appears on the ballot in the precinct that they are appointed to serve;
11	AND
12	(VII) They are sixteen years of age or older ON THE DATE OF THE
13	ELECTION and either a junior or senior STUDENT in good standing
14	attending a public or private secondary educational institution or being
15	home-schooled at the time of the election to which the student is serving
16	as a student election judge. and
17	(VIII) Their parent or legal guardian has consented to their service
18	as a student election judge.
19	SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-6-106, amend (2)
20	as follows:
21	1-6-106. Confirmation and acceptance of election judge
22	<b>appointment.</b> (2) The acceptance form shall contain:
23	(a) The statement of qualifications as prescribed in section
24	1-6-101; and
25	(b) A statement that, if the person appointed as an election judge
26	either fails to file the acceptance form within seven days after the
27	certification of appointment and acceptance form are mailed or fails to

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1	attend a class of instruction as required in section 1-6-101 (5), the
2	designated election official may determine that a vacancy has been
3	created; AND
4	(c) A STATEMENT THAT IF THE PERSON SERVES AS AN ELECTION
5	JUDGE, THE PERSON'S NAME, PARTY AFFILIATION, AND PRECINCT WILL BE
6	INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF ELECTION JUDGES EVEN IF THE PERSON'S
7	REGISTRATION RECORD IS OTHERWISE CONFIDENTIAL UNDER SECTION
8	1-2-227 (2) OR 24-72-204 (3.5).
9	<b>SECTION 19.</b> In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-6-108, <b>amend</b> (1)
10	as follows:
11	1-6-108. Lists of election judges. (1) The designated election
12	official shall make and maintain a master list of election judges who have
13	filed an acceptance form in accordance with section 1-6-101 (4). The
14	master list shall include the name, affiliation, and precinct number of each
15	election judge who has filed an acceptance form, including whether such
16	judge is unaffiliated, affiliated with a minor political party, or affiliated
17	with a qualified political organization. NOTWITHSTANDING THE
18	REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 1-2-227 (2) AND 24-72-204 (3.5), THE
19	DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL SHALL INCLUDE THE INFORMATION
20	REQUIRED FOR THE MASTER LIST FOR A PERSON WHOSE RECORD IS
21	OTHERWISE CONFIDENTIAL IF THE PERSON HAS FILED AN ACCEPTANCE
22	FORM TO SERVE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE UNDER SECTION 1-6-103 (3), BUT
23	SHALL NOT ALTER THE PERSON'S CONFIDENTIAL STATUS.
24	SECTION 20. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7-116, add (2.3)
25	as follows:
26	1-7-116. Coordinated elections - definition. (2.3) A SCHOOL
27	DISTRICT'S SHARE OF THE COSTS OF A COORDINATED ELECTION IN AN

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1	AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF
2	THE STATE'S REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COUNTY PURSUANT TO SECTION
3	1-5-505.7.
4	SECTION 21. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-103, amend
5	(5) as follows:
6	1-7.5-103. Definitions. As used in this article 7.5, unless the
7	context otherwise requires:
8	(5) "Mail ballot packet" means the packet of information provided
9	by the designated election official to eligible electors in the mail ballot
10	election, and to INCLUDING persons preregistered to vote pursuant to
11	section 1-2-101 (2) who will be eighteen years of age on the date of the
12	mail ballot election OR WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT
13	ELECTION. The packet includes the ballot, instructions for completing the
14	ballot, a return envelope, and, if applicable, a secrecy envelope or sleeve.
15	SECTION 22. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-7.5-208, amend
16	(3)(b) as follows:
17	1-7.5-208. Certificate of mail ballots cast - survey of returns.
18	(3) (b) If the total number of votes cast and counted in any precinct is
19	less than ten, OR IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS RETURNED FOR A
20	SINGLE BALLOT STYLE IN A PRECINCT IS LESS THAN TEN, the returns for all
21	such precincts in the political subdivision shall be reported together.
22	SECTION 23. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-9-203, amend (4)
23	as follows:
24	1-9-203. Challenge questions asked person intending to vote.
25	(4) (a) If the person is challenged as not eligible TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION
26	OTHER THAN A SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION because the person will not be
2.7	eighteen years of age or older on or before election day an election judge

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1	shall ask the following question: To the best of your knowledge and
2	belief, will you be eighteen years of age or older on election day?
3	(b) IF THE PERSON IS CHALLENGED AS NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN A
4	SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION BECAUSE THE PERSON IS NOT SIXTEEN YEARS
5	OF AGE OR OLDER ON ELECTION DAY, AN ELECTION JUDGE SHALL ASK THE
6	FOLLOWING QUESTION: TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF,
7	ARE YOU SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER?
8	SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-9-204, amend (1)
9	as follows:
10	1-9-204. Oath of challenged elector. (1) An election judge shall
11	tender an oath substantially in the following form: "I do solemnly swear
12	or affirm that I have fully and truthfully answered all questions that have
13	been put to me concerning my place of residence and my qualifications
14	as an eligible elector at this election. I further swear or affirm that I am
15	a citizen of the United States; that I will be of the age of SIXTEEN YEARS
16	OR OLDER ON ELECTION DAY IF I AM VOTING IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT
17	ELECTION OR eighteen years or older on election day IF I AM VOTING IN
18	ANY OTHER ELECTION; that I have been a resident of this state for at least
19	twenty-two days immediately preceding this election and have not
20	maintained a home or domicile elsewhere; that I am a registered elector
21	in this precinct; that I am eligible to vote at this election; and that I have
22	not previously voted at this election."
23	SECTION 25. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-12-108, amend
24	(6)(a) and (6)(b) as follows:
25	1-12-108. Petition requirements - approval as to form -
26	determination of sufficiency - protest - offenses. (6) (a) No person
27	shall circulate a recall petition unless the person is a resident of the state,

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I	a citizen of the United States, and at least eighteen years of age; EXCEPT
2	THAT A PREREGISTRANT MAY CIRCULATE A PETITION TO RECALL A SCHOOL
3	DISTRICT OFFICER.
4	(b) To each petition section must be attached a signed, notarized,
5	and dated affidavit executed by the person who circulated the petition
6	section, which includes the information and statements required for
7	initiative or referendum petitions under section 1-40-111; EXCEPT THAT,
8	FOR A PETITION TO RECALL A SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICER, THE AFFIDAVIT
9	MAY STATE THAT THE CIRCULATOR IS AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE.
10	SECTION 26. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 1-12-108.5
11	as follows:
12	1-12-108.5. Applicability of laws pertaining to initiative and
13	referendum petitions and circulators. Sections 1-40-111 to 1-40-113
14	apply to recall elections conducted under this article ARTICLE 12; EXCEPT
15	THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-12-108 (6), A PREREGISTRANT
16	MAY CIRCULATE A PETITION TO RECALL A SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICER.
17	Nothing in this section permits the application to recall elections, nor the
18	enforcement, of any provision of law held to be unconstitutional or
19	otherwise declared invalid or enjoined by a court of law.
20	SECTION 27. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-518, add
21	(1)(c.5) as follows:
22	<b>19-2-518.</b> Transfers. (1) (c.5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER
23	PROVISION OF LAW, IF THE OFFENSE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED
24	IS AN OFFENSE DESCRIBED IN TITLE 1 AND NO OTHER CRIME IS ALLEGED TO
25	HAVE BEEN COMMITTED, THE JUVENILE COURT SHALL NOT TRANSFER SUCH
26	CHARGE TO THE DISTRICT COURT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS
27	SECTION

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1	SECTION 28. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-21-104.5, add
2	(3) as follows:
3	24-21-104.5. General fund appropriation - cash fund
4	appropriation - elections - legislative intent - repeal. (3) (a) FOR
5	FISCAL YEAR 2020-21, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE
6	MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO
7	COVER THE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW A
8	PREREGISTRANT TO VOTE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS.
9	(b) This subsection (3) is repealed, effective July 1, 2021.
10	SECTION 29. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-102, add (4.7)
11	as follows:
12	<b>22-2-102. Definitions.</b> As used in this part 1, unless the context
13	otherwise requires:
14	(4.7) "REGISTERED ELECTOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS SIXTEEN
15	YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON THE DATE OF AN ELECTION AND WHO HAS
16	COMPLIED WITH THE REGISTRATION OR PREREGISTRATION PROVISIONS OF
17	ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 1.
18	SECTION 30. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-105, amend
19	(2) as follows:
20	22-2-105. State board of education - composition. (2) The
21	member of the state board from each congressional district of the state
22	shall be nominated and elected by the registered electors of such district
23	in the same manner as members of the house of representatives of the
24	congress of the United States are nominated and elected. Each member
25	from a congressional district shall be a registered elector of such district
26	AND SHALL BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ON THE DATE OF THE
27	ELECTION. If the total number of congressional districts of the state is an

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1	even number, the additional member of the board shall be nominated and
2	elected at large in the same manner as state officers are nominated and
3	elected. If the total number of congressional districts changes to an odd
4	number during the term of the member elected at large, such member
5	shall be permitted to continue serving on the state board until the
6	expiration of his or her term.
7	SECTION 31. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30-103, amend
8	the introductory portion and (7) as follows:
9	<b>22-30-103. Definitions.</b> As used in this article ARTICLE 30, unless
10	the context otherwise requires:
11	(7) "Eligible elector" means a person who IS SIXTEEN YEARS OF
12	AGE OR OLDER ON THE DATE OF AN ELECTION, has complied with the
13	registration or prefedentation provisions of articles 1 to 13 article
14	2 of title 1, <del>C.R.S.,</del> and who resides within the boundaries of the proposed
15	or existing school district.
16	SECTION 32. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30-104, amend
17	(4) as follows:
18	22-30-104. Conduct of elections. (4) The procedures for placing
19	an issue or question on the ballot by a petition of school district electors
20	that is pursuant to statute or the state constitution or that a school district
21	board of education may refer to a vote of the electors pursuant to statute
22	or the state constitution shall, to the extent no such procedures are
23	prescribed by statute or the state constitution, follow as nearly as
24	practicable the procedures for municipal initiatives and referred measures
25	under part 1 of article 11 of title 31; C.R.S. EXCEPT THAT A PETITION MAY
26	BE CIRCULATED BY A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE
27	AND WHO MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS. The designated election

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1	official shall resolve any questions about the applicability of the
2	procedures in part 1 of article 11 of title 31 C.R.S., after consultation with
3	the county clerk of the county in which the school district administrative
4	office is located.
5	SECTION 33. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-103, add
6	(3.7) as follows:
7	22-30.5-103. Definitions. As used in this part 1, unless the
8	context otherwise requires:
9	(3.7) "ELIGIBLE ELECTOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH
10	IN SECTION 22-31-101 (1).
11	SECTION 34. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-403, add
12	(5.3) as follows:
13	22-30.5-403. Definitions. As used in this part 4, unless the
14	context otherwise requires:
15	(5.3) "Eligible elector" has the same meaning as set forth
16	IN SECTION 22-31-101 (1).
17	SECTION 35. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-31-101, amend
18	the introductory portion, (1), and (3) as follows:
19	<b>22-31-101. Definitions.</b> As used in this article ARTICLE 31, unless
20	the context otherwise requires:
21	(1) "Eligible elector" means a person who is registered to vote in
22	accordance with articles 1 to 13 of title 1, C.R.S., SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE
23	OR OLDER ON THE DATE OF AN ELECTION, HAS COMPLIED WITH THE
24	REGISTRATION OR PREREGISTRATION PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE $\boldsymbol{2}$ OF TITLE
25	1, and is a resident of the school district in which the elector intends to
26	vote.
27	(3) "Registered elector" means an elector who IS SIXTEEN YEARS

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1	OF AGE OR OLDER ON THE DATE OF AN ELECTION, has complied with the
2	registration OR PREREGISTRATION provisions of article 2 of title 1, <del>C.R.S.,</del>
3	and who resides within the jurisdiction of the school district calling the
4	election.
5	SECTION 36. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-31-106, amend
6	(1) as follows:
7	22-31-106. Persons entitled to vote at regular biennial and
8	special school elections - registration required. (1) No person shall be
9	permitted to vote at any regular biennial school election or special school
10	election without first having been registered OR PREREGISTERED in the
11	manner required by the provisions of article 2 of title 1. C.R.S.
12	SECTION 37. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-31-107, amend
13	(1) as follows:
14	22-31-107. Candidates for school director - call - qualification
15	- nomination. (1) Any candidate for the office of school director of a
16	school district shall have been a registered elector of the district for at
17	least twelve consecutive months prior to the election AND SHALL BE
18	EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON THE DATE HE OR SHE WOULD TAKE
19	OFFICE. If the school district has a director district plan of representation
20	or a combined director district and at-large plan of representation, the
21	candidate shall be a resident of the director district that will be
22	represented, unless the candidate will serve as an at-large director or has
23	been elected at the time of or prior to the adoption of a director district
24	plan of representation or a combined director district and at-large plan of
25	representation by the eligible electors of the district.
26	SECTION 38. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-31-105, add (8)
27	as follows:

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1	22-31-105. School directors - number - election - term - plan
2	of representation. (8) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF
3	LAW, A PREREGISTRANT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-1-104 (31.3) WHO
4	MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS MAY CIRCULATE A PETITION TO
5	PROPOSE AN ISSUE UNDER THIS SECTION.
6	SECTION 39. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-31-110, amend
7	(2) as follows:
8	22-31-110. Changes in director districts. (2) The revision of
9	director district boundaries and redesignation of the director districts shall
10	become effective immediately upon adoption of the resolution by the
11	board of education, but the revision and redesignation shall not operate
12	to terminate the office of any school director holding office at the time of
13	adoption of the resolution. The revision and redesignation shall be,
14	thereafter, effective for filling of vacancies and the election of any school
15	directors at any subsequent regular biennial school election. In the event
16	that, as a result of a revision and redesignation, two or more members of
17	the board of education reside in the same new director district, and the
18	office of any one of the members thereafter becomes vacant, the vacancy
19	shall be filled by the appointment of an eligible elector residing WHO IS
20	EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND RESIDES in a director district
21	which THAT does not then have a representative on the board of
22	education.
23	SECTION 40. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-127, add (8)
24	as follows:
25	22-32-127. Leases or installment purchases for periods
26	exceeding one year - definition. (8) AS USED IN THIS SECTION,
27	"REGISTERED ELECTOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION

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1	22-31-101 (3).
2	SECTION 41. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-131, add (4)
3	as follows:
4	22-32-131. Voter approval of repayment of loans for capital
5	improvements made to a growth district - definition. (4) AS USED IN
6	THIS SECTION, "ELIGIBLE ELECTOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH
7	IN SECTION 22-31-101 (1).
8	SECTION 42. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-40-101, amend
9	the introductory portion and (1.5) as follows:
10	<b>22-40-101. Definitions.</b> As used in this article ARTICLE 40, unless
11	the context otherwise requires:
12	(1.5) "Eligible elector" means an elector who IS SIXTEEN YEARS OF
13	AGE OR OLDER ON THE DATE OF AN ELECTION, has complied with the
14	registration OR PREREGISTRATION provisions of article 2 of title 1, <del>C.R.S.,</del>
15	and who resides within the jurisdiction of the political subdivision calling
16	the election.
17	SECTION 43. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-41-109, amend
18	(3) as follows:
19	<b>22-41-109. Bond guarantee loans - definition.</b> (3) The board of
20	education of a school district desiring to enter into a guarantee contract
21	authorized by this section shall include, in the resolution submitting the
22	question of issuing bonds to the registered electors of the school district,
23	a statement that the school district intends to contract with the state
24	treasurer for the guarantee of principal and interest payments to holders
25	of such bonds. The resolution shall set forth, and any resulting guarantee
26	contract shall provide, that the district shall repay any loan of public
27	school funds with interest as provided in subsection (4) of this section by

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1	the end of the calendar year next following the close of the fiscal year in
2	which the loan was made, out of any available funds of the school district
3	or out of the proceeds of a levy on the taxable property of the school
4	district at a rate sufficient to produce the amount required to repay the
5	loan. No guarantee contract shall be executed pursuant to this section
6	unless the registered electors of the school district have approved such
7	provisions for the contract by their vote approving the issuance of bonds.
8	AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3), "REGISTERED ELECTOR" HAS THE SAME
9	MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 22-31-101 (3).
10	SECTION 44. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-41.5-102,
11	amend (3) as follows:
12	22-41.5-102. Voter approval - weakening of limits on school
13	<b>district debt - definition.</b> (3) Any ballot question seeking voter approval
14	of a weakening of any limitation on school district debt may be submitted
15	to the eligible electors of a school district as a separate ballot question or
16	as part of a ballot question including other ballot issues, such as the
17	authorization of bonded indebtedness. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3),
18	"ELIGIBLE ELECTOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION
19	22-31-101 (1).
20	SECTION 45. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-42-101, amend
21	the introductory portion and (2); and <b>repeal</b> (5) as follows:
22	<b>22-42-101. Definitions.</b> As used in this article ARTICLE 42, unless
23	the context otherwise requires:
24	(2) "Eligible elector" means a person who IS SIXTEEN YEARS OF
25	AGE OR OLDER ON THE DATE OF AN ELECTION, has complied with the
26	registration OR PREREGISTRATION provisions of article 2 of title 1, <del>C.R.S.,</del>
27	and who resides within the jurisdiction of the political subdivision calling

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1	the election.
2	(5) "Registered elector" means an elector who has complied with
3	the registration provisions of this article.
4	SECTION 46. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-45-101, amend
5	the introductory portion and (2.2) as follows:
6	<b>22-45-101. Definitions.</b> As used in this article ARTICLE 45, unless
7	the context otherwise requires:
8	(2.2) "Eligible elector" means an elector who IS SIXTEEN YEARS OF
9	AGE OR OLDER ON THE DATE OF AN ELECTION, has complied with the
10	registration OR PREREGISTRATION provisions of article 2 of title 1, C.R.S.,
11	and who resides within the jurisdiction of the political subdivision calling
12	the election.
13	SECTION 47. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-103, add
14	(6.5) as follows:
15	22-54-103. Definitions. As used in this article 54, unless the
16	context otherwise requires:
17	(6.5) "Eligible elector" means an elector who is sixteen
18	YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON THE DATE OF AN ELECTION, HAS COMPLIED
19	WITH THE REGISTRATION OR PREREGISTRATION PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE $2$
20	OF TITLE 1, AND RESIDES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE POLITICAL
21	SUBDIVISION CALLING THE ELECTION.
22	SECTION 48. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-108, amend
23	(2) as follows:
24	22-54-108. Authorization of additional local revenues.
25	(2) Effective July 1, 1994, upon proper submittal to a district of a valid
26	initiative petition, the district shall submit to the eligible electors of the
2.7	district the question of whether the district should be authorized to raise

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1 and expend additional local property tax revenues in excess of the 2 district's total program as determined in accordance with section 3 22-54-104, subject to the limitations of subsection (3) of this section, 4 thereby authorizing an additional levy in excess of the levy authorized 5 under section 22-54-106 for the district's general fund for the then current 6 budget year and each budget year thereafter. The question authorized by 7 this subsection (2) shall be submitted at an election held in accordance 8 with section 20 of article X of the state constitution and title 1. C.R.S. An 9 initiative petition under this subsection (2) shall MUST be signed by at 10 least five percent of the eligible electors in the district at the time the 11 petition is filed. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A 12 PREREGISTRANT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-1-104 (31.3) WHO MEETS ALL 13 OTHER REQUIREMENTS MAY CIRCULATE AN INITIATIVE PETITION UNDER 14 THIS SUBSECTION (2). 15 **SECTION 49.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-108.5, 16 **amend** (1)(b) as follows: 17 22-54-108.5. Authorization of additional local revenues for 18 **full-day kindergarten - definitions.** (1) (b) Notwithstanding any law to 19 the contrary, effective July 1, 2007, upon proper submittal to a district of 20 a valid initiative petition, the district shall submit to the eligible electors 21 of the district the question of whether the district should be authorized to 22 raise and expend additional local property tax revenues in excess of the 23 district's total program, as determined in accordance with section

22-54-104, and in addition to any property tax revenues levied pursuant

to sections 22-54-107 and 22-54-108, thereby authorizing an additional

levy in excess of the levy authorized under sections 22-54-106,

22-54-107, and 22-54-108, to provide funding for excess full-day

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kindergarten program costs in the district for the then-current budget year and each budget year thereafter. The question authorized by this paragraph (b) SUBSECTION (1)(b) may also include a question of whether to impose an additional mill levy of a stated amount and limited duration to meet the initial capital construction needs of the district associated with the establishment of a full-day kindergarten program. If a mill levy for capital construction needs associated with the district's full-day kindergarten program is approved for more than one year, the board of education of the district may, without calling an election, decrease the amount or duration of the mill levy in subsequent years. The questions authorized by this paragraph (b) SUBSECTION (1)(b) shall be submitted at an election held in accordance with section 20 of article X of the state constitution and title 1. C.R.S. An initiative petition under this paragraph (b) shall SUBSECTION (1)(b) MUST be signed by at least five percent of the eligible electors in the district at the time the petition is filed. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A PREREGISTRANT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-1-104 (31.3) WHO MEETS ALL OTHER REOUIREMENTS MAY CIRCULATE AN INITIATIVE PETITION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b).

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**SECTION 50.** Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability. (1) This act takes effect January 1, 2021; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect January 1, 2021, or on the date of

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- 1 the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor, whichever is
- 2 later.
- 3 (2) This act applies to elections conducted on or after the
- 4 applicable effective date of this act.